



Regional Service Council Minutes Indiana Department of Child Services Region # 14

Meeting Date: December 21, 2010

Meeting Location: DCS in Jackson Co. (Boardroom)

Council Members Present: Debra Traylor Davis, Traci Eggleston, Laura Gentry, Marsha Goecker, Karen Munson, Amanda Rittenhouse, Jodi Stockdale and Dennis Carmichael (Proxy for Heather Kestian)

Council Members Absent: Heather Angebrandt, Mala Corley, Robyn Dykstra, , Tammi Hickman, Heather Kestian, Mark Loyd, Heather Mollo and Jack Tandy

Others signed in for Attendance: Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau, Inc.; Herbert Walker, Jackson Co. Prosecutor's Office; Peggy Faulk, Family Services & Prevention Programs; Justin Cox & Mike Frye, Columbus Behavioral Center; Becky Kime, Probation Services Consultant; Bethaney Leahy, Lifeline Youth & Family Services; Arriann Custer, Fountain Consultant; Steve Adams, Regional Financial Manager; Pat Smith, Turning Point.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:36a.m.

- 1. Welcome:** Laura welcomed members and audience. Debra Traylor Davis introduced Herbert Walker. He will be taking her place with RSC Members approval. Introductions of members were made.
- 2. Approval of October 19, 2010 Minutes:** Karen Munson made a motion to approve, Dennis Carmichael (Proxy for Heather Kestian) seconded, and members present approved as written. Laura mentioned that there are some changes to the Region 14 DCS Staff. Jodi Stockdale if approved would replace Gayle Greene (Gayle took a Supervisor position at the DCS Hotline). Shana Richmond vacated the Jennings County Director's Position on December 3, 2010. Heather Kestian was added to RSC Members at the October meeting. Tracie Smith has filled the Johnson County Supervisor's position in November. Bartholomew, Jackson and Shelby are fully staffed. Laura mentioned that if RSC members want to alter, that Judiciary members need to remain as members (all three judges). She mentioned that beginning in January, the RSC meetings will relocate back to Columbus. Christine has arranged a new location to have the RSC meetings. Foundation For Youth Center located at 405 Hope Ave. will be the location for the 2011 RSC meetings, due to the DCS Bartholomew County Office has a small conference

room that will not accommodate RSC Members or the public. If there is a conflict at FFY Center, Laura will try to arrange meetings at her church. Pat Smith mentioned that the United Way Center could also be an option. He also mentioned that UW will be having an open House on December 31, 2010 from 5 to 7. He asked if DCS Bartholomew County Office would be moving back into the UW building. Laura mentioned that the State has a lease at the current location for at least 10 years, so they will not be moving back to the UW building.

- 3. Regional Services- Requests for Proposals:** Laura mentioned RFP's are for IVB monies from Regional Services and not from the Child Welfare Monies. The bidder's conference was held on November 2, 2010. Jon Bennett mentioned that there was a packed house at the conference and they went over questions. Most questions have been posted to the DCS website: <http://www.in.gov/dcs/3151.htm>. Laura mentioned current RFP's can be check on the website. She also mentioned that RFP's would need to be submitted no later than January 7, 2011. Laura went over the RFP process.
- 4. Child Welfare Services:** Jon mentioned that Karla was no longer the Director of CPCS (Community Partners for Child Safety). She is still a liaison for CPCS. Jon gave Members handouts of current spending and mentioned that all subcontractors are being audited. He also mentioned that he has informed subcontractors that if they do not think all their allocated funds will be used to give back so that the funds could be utilized for other subcontractors that may run out of funds. Jon mentioned that there will be another report for RSC members in January.
- 5. Community Partners for Child Safety (CPCS) Report:** Jon mentioned that there were 4 of 5 candidates for the Director position that were interviewed and there are 2 so far that have moved forward. Jon & Laura would be interviewing the last one today. Jon gave members another handout for active referrals, material reliefs, outreaches and successes.
- 6. Regional Budget:** Steve Adams gave members the current budget spending for Region 14 along with each of the five counties. He went over the reports with members paying close attention the percentages that the region and counties were at and were they should be. As a region the spending is at 47% and should be 42% or lower. Bartholomew is at 47%, Jackson is at 42%, Jennings is at 49%, Johnson is at 48% and Shelby is at 54%.
- 7. Other Business:** Jon Bennett mentioned that they settled all contactor bills and will receive payment through August. He mentioned that the check would come in a lump sum and if you have an issue to see Jon directly.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:25 a.m.

Next Meeting Dates, Location and Time:

Location: Foundation For Youth Center 405 Hope Ave. Columbus, IN 47201

Dates & Times:

January 11, 2011 8:30-10:00

February 15, 2011 8:30-10:00

March 15, 2011 8:30-10:00